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In re Patent Application of)

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PORES INTO BIOLOGICAL)
MATERIALS)

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 7, 2004, Applicants elect with traverse the method claims of Group I (i.e., Claims 1 to 10 as well as 12 to 19) for immediate prosecution.

Please note that new method Claims 12 to 19 were added in the Preliminary Amendment of February 20, 2002; however, these are not identified in the Official Action of January 7, 2004.

It respectfully is urged that device Claims 11 and 20 could be conveniently prosecuted in the same Application. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to use his discretion under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and to withdraw the restriction requirement since the search and examination of the entire Application can be made without serious burden. Also, unity of invention was found during the international phase of the prosecution.

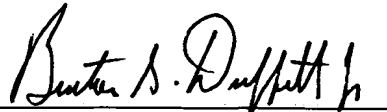
The consideration of all claims and the allowance of the entire Application is urged to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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